ACROSTICHUM.

Lin. Gen. Plan. 1173.

ACROSTICHUM septentrionale.

Spec. Plan. 1524. *Ray Syn.* 120. *Flo. Scot.* 656. *Flo. Ang.* 450. *Ger. Em.* 1561. *Park.* 1045.

TAB. VIII.

FORKED MAIDEN HAIR.

THE root conſiſts of a number of fine, ſlender, brown fibres, connected to a ſmall head.

The leaves from two to five inches high, linear and ſlender for more than half their length; above, they divide ſometimes into two, ſometimes into three or four lobes.

The lobes are about an inch in length, lance-ſhaped, one ſixth of an inch in breadth, and veined lengthways; ſometimes theſe lobes are intire, but often irregularly cut in on the edges, and forming little acute appendages on the ſides, which are curved outwards.

Seed veſſels firſt appear in ſmall indiſtinct lines or dots on the back of the lobes, afterwards they flow together, and when the veſſels burſt, and the

seeds